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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/582,386	Applicant(s) YAMASHITA ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Kevin McDermott. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 05 September 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Shitahaku, US 2002/0037753.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative discussed ways to clarify the term "discard" in claim 1 and ways to clarify the comparison. We also also discussed alternative claim language. Upon cursory review, the claim language discussed appears to overcome the prior art references. However, further search and consideration is needed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Ashraf Zahr/ Examiner, Art Unit 2175	
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